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Dear Suzanne,

I am writing this letter in response to your offer to do a program for the New York State School Food Service Association (NYSSFSA). We have discussed the changes in USDA commodities program at our last two board meeting. Mr. Berger works closely with our association to keep us informed of changes that are proposed at the federal level. At this time, we are informed to what this proposal has to offer.

NYSSFSA believes the proposed standards are beneath the standards New York State currently follows. We do not want to lower our standards to meet the standards of the rest of the nation. Our commodity program in New York State improves every year and we have no reason to expect anything less in the future.

As long as we can continue to work with our Office of General Services, and providing that the USDA's "Proposal for Change" does not interfere with the program that works for New York State, the changes will be acceptable.

Sincerely,

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